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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Intelligence Community-Related Suitability  
Measures

In the Department of the Treasury the only element which specifically falls within the scope of E.O. 12333 as being directly involved in the Intelligence Community is the small staff of the Departmental Office of Intelligence Support. This office is headed by a Special Assistant to the Secretary (National Security) who is also designated as the Senior Officer of the Intelligence Community (SOIC). Others involved are those Departmental officials who are designated to assist in providing or supporting Treasury's representation on the NSC and its various organizations, the NFIB and its subordinate elements which necessitates access to SCI and/or information concerning sensitive intelligence sources and methods. The U.S. Secret Service is referred to in E.O. 12333 as an element of the Department to conduct limited activities to determine the existence and capability of surveillance equipment being directed against the President, the Executive Office of the President, and other protectees and officials.

As a result, those who would be considered under the reporting requirement of the IG/CM(P) for questionable suitability reasons, exclusive of the U.S. Secret Service, are relatively few in number and are essentially in a controlled and selected Department environment. Before they are selected and placed in the positions concerned, they are subjected to background investigations either for other positions elsewhere in Treasury or with other Intelligence Community agencies where they were given close, daily scrutiny and periodic update investigations. In the U.S. Secret Service, each Special Agent and technical applicant is carefully screened before selection and while subject to periodic reassignments in a variety of mission-related positions, all are subjected to the required update investigations and careful scrutiny in view of the emotional and physical stresses to which those in protective duties are confronted.

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Although we realize that the possibility always exists that even those in high-level positions could become a threat, and we are always alert to that problem, we are unaware of anyone within the past 15 years who would "qualify." Many in politically appointive positions leave the Department when the administration changes under conditions of which they were aware when appointed and therefore could not be regarded as disgruntled, depressed or dissatisfied. Others have either retired under satisfactory circumstances or have been promoted or elevated to other positions elsewhere in Treasury or other agencies. As you may be aware, we do not have the benefit of the polygraph as a prescreening or an aperiodic screening tool. The U.S. Secret Secret is authorized to use the polygraph only during the initial selective screening phase, but may not use it thereafter.

However, should we discern a threat to the Intelligence Community and the National Security, we would promptly notify the FBI and, when appropriate, the Chairman, IG/CM(P).

We consider those in the U.S. Customs Service as SCI users in the pursuit of their customs and drug interdiction functions and their participation in interagency task forces. A small number of Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms investigative employees with SCI access are similarly engaged. There are those in IRS who require SCI access for limited periods to conduct audits of classified programs at industrial security firms. Since the majority of people in our investigative bureaus with SCI access are criminal investigators, they are closely supervised for aberrational behavior and generally retire without adverse reactions at a relatively early age because of the applicable retirement laws.

I hope you will find this summarization helpful in response to your tasking.